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CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR PATIENTS AT ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

The St Mary's Cathedral Choir will be singing Christmas Carols to patients across St Vincent's Hospital in a special concert on **Tuesday 18 December**.

In what has become an annual tradition, the choir will visit wards across the hospital for a lunch-time concert **from 12-1pm**.

The Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Mr Thomas Wilson said the 20 boy choir members were eagerly looking forward to the hospital visit.

"Christmas is a time for sharing what we have and I know our boys are looking forward to bringing some joy to those in hospital", he said

A spokesman for St Vincent's Hospital, Mr David Faktor said the patients were eagerly awaiting the choir's visit.

"Christmas can be a particularly challenging time to be in hospital, isolated from family and friends. It's really pleasing then to see the St Mary's Cathedral choristers visit St Vincent's and see the joy on the patient's faces when they sing the Carols to them.", he said.

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is regarded as the longest-running musical ensemble in Australia and can trace its history back to 1818. The choristers have appeared in concerts with the Brandenburg Orchestra and Sydney Youth Orchestra and in 2011, the Cathedral Choir travelled to Rome where it sang for his Holiness Pope Benedict.

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